

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, WILL BE HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM AT THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Matt Denison, Carl Malysz, Kay Garry, Major Sherri Knight, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Traffic Director Dennis Smith, Fire Chief Matt Juliot, Street Dept Director Mickey Thompson, Deputy City Clerk Mindy Milburn, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, David Hall, Animal Control.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Malysz called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Wilbert Hunter re: Street closing on Walbash between Carver and Fiske for Smith-Kendirck family reunion.

Mr. Malysz stated that this is outside the City of New Albany and he would like the Clerk's office to contact Mr. Hunter and have him contact the County Commissioner's office because this is their jurisdiction.

Item #2 - Greg Young with Platinum re: solicitor's permit to sell GE alarms.

Mr. Young addressed the board and explained that Platinum is a dealer with General Electric and he is here to request a solicitor's permit to sell General Electric alarm systems door-to-door.

Mr. Malysz asked for their local address.

Mr. Young stated that their local address is in Louisville at 10107 Laurent Way #101. He explained that they go door-to-door in the late evening during the summer months until the end of August. He explained that their hours are 3:00PM – 8:00PM or until it gets dark. He stated that they have 12 total individuals that go door-to-door but they would not all be here at one time. He stated that they work Monday – Saturday and on Saturday they begin at 11:00AM.

Mr. Malysz asked how they select the areas where they go door-to-door.

Mr. Young stated that each representative will be supplied with shirts; id's and maps to go to areas that are predominately home owners so that they do not go to the same areas twice. He explained that they could let the board know in advance what areas they will be in. He explained the monitoring system to the board and the process that runs after the alarm is sounded and likened it to the OnStar System.

Mr. Denison moved to approve the request beginning immediately provided that they notify the Clerk's office in advance of what areas they will be in, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor

Item #3 - Edward Cooper re: Maverick Insurance

Mr. Cooper addressed the board regarding renewing the City's property casualty insurance. He explained that they work very hard to keep the prices down and they had two other bids separate from their current carrier this year. He stated that he is here to request permission to work with Mrs. Garry to go back to the current carrier to ask them to reduce their price so that they may stay with them because of the benefits of staying with the carrier that they currently have.

Mrs. Garry stated that Houston Casualties allow them to pay installments as well and that is a big advantage.

Mr. Denison moved to approve the request to have **Mrs. Garry** move forward with negotiations, **Mrs. Garry** second, all voted in favor.

Item #4 - Ron Grangier re: vandalism on the Riverfront

Mr. Grangier reported that the Amphitheatre is in the process of getting a facelift because of some generous donations from local businesses but they are still having problems with vandalism. He stated that they are going to increase patrols in this area to make sure they catch who is behind all of these problems. He explained that once the vandals are caught they will be held responsible for paying for the damages. He requested that if anyone saw anyone down in the area to please call the police. He stated that they are also getting ready for their Fourth of July celebration with music and vendor's and he wanted to invite everyone to come down and join them.

Mr. Malysz stated that he wanted to put an emphasis on the seriousness that the Flood Control and the Police Department are putting on catching the vandals that are tearing up the Riverfront because of the amount of money that is being put into restoring the area.

Item #5 - Kevin Zurschmiede re: planting trees along Oak Street

Mr. Zurschmiede addressed the board on behalf of the Uptown neighborhood Association to request permission to plant some trees along the 1900 block of Oak Street. He explained that they are going to be funded by a sorority from IUS that provided a grant to the neighborhood association.

Mr. Malysz commended **Mr. Zurschmiede** and the association for the work they are doing to clean up the neighborhoods.

Mrs. Garry moved to approve the request, **Mr. Denison** second, all voted in favor

Mr. Zurschmiede stated that he wanted to thank the City for their help with the clean-up in this neighborhood but they are having some problems with larger debris that is not being picked up and when the Street Department was called they were put off and he wanted to ask what the proper procedure for calling something like this into the Street Department.

Mr. Thompson explained the process for these calls and stated that they do have a back log of requests because they simply do not have enough employees to do the day-to-day jobs as well as the extra runs. They receive support from other departments when they can.

Mr. Zurschmiede asked if there was anything that the Council could do to help them out with this.

Mr. Thompson stated that he has talked with the Mayor about this issue and they are trying to come up with a solution but as of right now they do not have enough man power to cover all of the calls.

Mr. Malysz stated that he had confidence that **Mr. Thompson** would address the Street Department about the specific location that **Mr. Zurschmiede** is referring to and that during budget time the council can look at funding for this department.

Mr. Zurschmiede stated that this is a big concern for him so if there is anything he can do as a council member to please let him know.

Mr. Malysz stated that the real problem lies in the contract with Indiana Southern Waste and the default responsibility falling on the City.

Item #6 - Nina Mathis or Brenda Borders with New Life Church re: permit to sell donuts for fundraiser

Pastor Borders stated that the ministry is located in Kentucky but they serve both Indiana and Kentucky. She stated that they feed, cloth and house individuals in Kentucky and Indiana and they do this without any funding from the government which is why they do these fundraisers to raise money for their organization. She stated that they would like to set up in front of Save-a-Lot from - 8:00PM approximately once a week.

Mr. asked if this was also the organization that sold donuts in front of Wal-Mart.

Pastor Borders said that it was.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the City's authority to grant a permit for a vendor to sell on private property.

Mr. Malysz stated that he would like to advise her to get written permission from Save-A-Lot and Wal-Mart to sell on their property and the Clerk's office will provide her with written consent from the City to sell at these locations only. He explained that he would like to talk with the City Attorney to discuss this policy and it may change in the future so they will get her contact information to let them know if the policy changes.

Item #7 Debbie Thompson re: hole in the sidewalk on Market.

Ms. Thompson addressed the board regarding a hole in the sidewalk on Market Street next to a manhole in front of her house. She explained that she measured the hole and it is about 18 inches deep and she is afraid it is going to cause the ground to sink in and take with it the wall that they recently built in front of their property. She stated that she called IN-AWC and they informed her that she needed to contact the City. She explained that she called Redevelopment and was told by someone in that office that she was in a low-income area that was serviced by HUD. She stated that she resented that generalization because she has lived in this area for 35 years and has never received funding from HUD and she would like the City to do something about this situation before someone falls into the hole and gets hurt.

Mr. Malysz stated that if Redevelopment told her that she lived in a low-moderate income area they were just reciting the facts of the medium in that area and not to brand her but he would like to apologize on behalf of the City for that statement. He stated that he will send Mickey Thompson out there to investigate the area and they will get back to her once he reports back to the board. He thanked Ms. Thompson for bringing the matter to their attention and stated that he would speak with the Redevelopment office about the manner in which her request was handled.

Ms. Thompson stated that she would appreciate him speaking to them about the way things were handled because that is no way for the City to handle the citizens and she would appreciate them looking into who is responsible for the sidewalk because she has a wall that she spent a fair amount of money building and she doesn't want to lose it if the ground sinks in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Dennison stated that the address where they had previously approved the storage unit has become a dumpster and they have requested that it be extended for one week and then they will get it out of there.

Mr. Dennison moved to extend the storage unit for one week, Mrs. Garry second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Carl Malysz, President

Mindy Milburn, Deputy City Clerk